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Our Prize Offer.

Do you want to attend the North Missouri Institute, the new school to be opened at Salisbury, Sept. 7th?

If you do, we have a *bona fide* scholarship certificate for a term of ten months at that school which we will present to the young lady or young man sending us the largest number of subscribers between now and the 1st of Sept.

The certificate entitles the holder to the preparatory, business or commercial or literary courses of the Institute, and is equivalent to \$40 in cash.

The North Missouri Institute will be under the same management as the old Salisbury Academy, with Prof. G. C. Briggs as principal, who built up the academy from an attendance of sixty-five the first year to an attendance of 111 the third year.

Now is your time to secure a year's tuition at Prof. Briggs' new school with but a small outlay of time to yourself.

Commence work at once.

Terms of subscriptions, \$1.50 a year, and invariably in advance.

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Gov. HOVEY, of Indiana, is said to be a poet. Indiana politics has not been thought of poetic suggestion except in the case of Harrison, who furnishes an excellent theme for a dirge.

Iowa has eight living ex-governors, all Republicans. Neither the number nor the political complexion of the noble army of retired statesmen will be changed by the result of the coming election.

SOMEbody has sent Quay a rabbit's foot. Whether it will neutralize the effect of the toe of the national Republican committee's foot, which was presented to him with some degree of vigor a few days since, remains to be proved.

THE Treasury felicitates itself on a balance of \$13,000,000, outside of national bank deposits and subsidiary coin. Once Uncle Sam talked flippantly of hundreds of millions, but is now glad to crow over tens.

THE Farmers' alliance is unanimous in opposition to the McKinley kind of tariff, but by no means unanimous in favor of the sub-treasury folly. The process of sloughing off impracticable nonsense has begun vigorously in South Carolina and other States.

Why should the Government of the United States sit still, as if indifferent to human right, while the inhuman persecution of the Jews in Russia goes on? As a nation we do not meddle with European politics, but this is not politics, and our interference with a remonstrance and an appeal in the name of humanity would not be intermeddling.

THE people's party in Illinois has not started out with any very terrifying display of strength. But great oaks from little acorns grow and the soil of Illinois is fertile and will encourage the growth of any kind of political timber that has its roots in a revolt from Republican despotism.

THE Missouri annual conference of the M. E. Church, South, convenes at Marysville, Gentry county, September 2. Bishop H. K. Hargrove will preside. Dr. J. D. Vincell, who has been the unrivaled secretary of the conference for twenty-seven consecutive years, will again (D. V.) be the distinguished knight of the quill.

THE managers of the Democratic campaign in Iowa are predicting a landslide, and will not be satisfied with anything less than a majority of 20,000 for Boies and a clean sweep on the legislative ticket. The only thing discouraging about the political situation in Iowa is that there is no senator to be elected this year.

ROGER Q. MILLS, the illustrious, clear-headed, earnest champion of tariff reform, opened the campaign for the Democratic party in Iowa. Mr. Mills' fame arises primarily from the skill and vigor with which he has addressed himself to the tariff question, but he is also, as all Democrats must be, an unrelenting foe of the fanaticism called prohibition.

DEMOCRATIC papers in New York are just now advocating the nomination of ex-President Cleveland for governor of that state on the democratic ticket. That Cleveland would make an able executive officer for the empire state there can be no question, but the propriety of his accepting the position is very gravely doubted by some of his friends.

Mrs. POLK, widow of the tenth president, died at Nashville, Tennessee, on Friday evening of last week at the good old age of eighty-eight, honored and beloved of all. To the last this venerable matron never forgot that she had once been the mistress of the White House and with gentle dignity upheld the honor of that high station like Martha Washington and Dolly Madison.

PRESIDENT HARRISON went to church Sunday morning to do homage to the Lord, whom he credits with having made him president. The evening he spent with Secretary Foster, to whom he has intrusted the task of repeating the job.

THE revolt of the Indiana negroes is the dark cloud that just now makes gloomy the horizon of the administration. However, if Harrison will supply the silver lining the cloud will disappear. In default of silver a few \$2 bills and an occasional cheap office will do as well.

JUST now all departments at Washington are employed in gathering such statistics as may be deemed to the success of the grand old party in the approaching campaign. The last to take up the work has been the treasury, and from that source are being poured columns of figures to demonstrate the wonderful value of Republican financial wisdom.

MEMBERS of the people's party in Ohio assert their faith in the statement that "labor is the basis of all wealth," and then proceed to declare their adherence to the demand for the free coinage of silver in order that the owners of silver-mines may be the better assured that their labors in owning mines may be well rewarded. They will now enter upon a "campaign of education."

In case the office of secretary of war is vacated by the appointment of Secretary Proctor as senator from Vermont it would be a good idea for the president to appoint Foraker to the vacancy. With Blaine's spirited foreign policy the country needs an experienced soldier in that office, and Foraker has been conducting bloody campaigns ever since the surrender at Appomattox.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS, whose color is his chief claim to eminence, has come to the defense of the absurd project of one Vaghan to pension all ex-slaves at an annual cost to the nation of some \$400,000. His action affords but another instance of the ease with which the most extravagant notions find adherents among those who may expect to benefit by them.

MR. NIEDRINGHAUS is so determined to import his Welsh laborers that he proposes to defy the secretary of the treasury. He insists that he needs the men as teachers of the art of making tin-plate. But why are teachers of the art necessary when, according to a protection organ, the balcony of the new immigrant depot is to be roofed with American tin-plate because it is the best in the market?

"BECAUSE there is less money in the treasury," said Secretary Foster the other day to the correspondent of a Republican newspaper, "it follows that more money than ever before is in the hands of the people, thus facilitating the conduct of the business of the country." This is one of the plausible fallacies which Foster is an adept in concealing for the deception of the people.

Or all the countries where the United States maintain diplomatic representatives Russia and China are the two in which it is most essential that our Government should be well represented at the present time. Matters of the utmost importance to this country are coming up in both of these great empires, and yet we have nobody there above the status of a charge d'affaires.

WHEN a Democratic speaker takes the gravel as speaker of the lower house of congress next winter he may be as unable to recognize Tom Reed, of Maine, as that gentleman was to recognize others in the last congress. It would be a sort of poetic justice if the Democrats in the next congress should give Mr. Reed such an illustration of his own methods as to convince that gentleman that honesty is the best policy.

THE intimation given by the state department in accepting Douglas' resignation of the Haytian mission that no more negroes would be appointed to diplomatic position has had the effect expected. There is positive authority for the statement that this intimation was given by the direct order of Mr. Blaine. There is a howl loud and long among negroes of all conditions and they declare they will bolt the Republican ticket this fall everywhere.

THE California mines are being developed by English capital, under English management, and yet we are told that we must willingly pay \$1 a box in addition to the former price for roofing tin, because we are thereby aiding an American industry. It looks to a man up a tree as if the aid was about equally divided between the English capitalist and the Welsh tin-plate manufacturer, while it is all contributed by the American consumer.

MANY a worthy soldier answered the roll-call at Detroit, but the absence of all famous military leaders draws attention anew to the fact that the conspicuous and illustrious captains of the war of the rebellion have nearly all passed away. The most famous of the volunteer generals were Logan and Butler. The former never held independent command. The latter still lives, but never identifies himself with gatherings of veterans, among whom he never possessed a title of the popularity enjoyed by Logan.

Anti-Third Party Call.

The following circular, which explains itself, was made public by the Hon. U. S. Hall, president of the Missouri Farmers' alliance Monday: To the Members of the Farmers' Alliance and Industrial Union and of the Farmers' and Laborers' Unions of the United States. HUBBARD, RANDOLPH COUNTY, Mo., Aug. 12.—Brothers: This communication is for the purpose of informing you that there will be held in the city of St. Louis, state of Missouri, on the third Tuesday (15th day) of September, a meeting of the alliance brothers of the United States who are in accord with the resolutions passed at the meeting recently held in the city of Fort Worth, Tex.

The objects of the Fort Worth meeting are fully set out in the resolutions adopted by that body. The undersigned were elected an executive committee to make all arrangements necessary for the convention referred to above.

We have corresponded with the general managers of a number of railroads and find that they are willing to give greatly reduced rates upon their roads to all delegates attending this meeting.

A basis of representation will be fixed at three delegates from each and every county in the jurisdiction of the national alliance.

Reduced hotel rates will be secured in the city of St. Louis, and all members of the order are cordially invited to take part in making this manifestation of the farmers of this country a grand success.

MAKING WAR ON DEMAGOGUES.

This meeting, as will be seen from the Fort Worth resolutions, is a protest on the part of the lovers of the constitution of the alliance against seeing that organization prostituted by a body of men who have no interest in farming and whose love for the organization is limited by the amount of personal gain they can get out of it. This is an effort on the part of the conservative members and real farmers of our order to emancipate the Farmers' alliance from the control of scheming politicians and designing demagogues. That we will succeed in this effort we have no doubt.

Communications addressed to Hon. W. S. McAllister, Canton, Miss.; Hon. Will L. Sargent, Rayner, Tex., or to U. S. Hall at Hubbard, Randolph county, Mo., will be promptly answered.

Yours fraternally,
U. S. HALL, Chairman,
Hubbard, Mo.
W. S. McALLISTER, Canton, Miss.
W. L. SARGENT, Rayner, Tex.
Committee.

THE FORT WORTH RESOLUTIONS.

The circular is followed by a copy of the resolutions adopted at the meeting in Fort Worth, Tex. These arraign the National Farmers' alliance for debarring persons from membership and office for opinion's sake; for putting dishonest, mercenary and corrupt men in office; for trying to turn the order from the cause of the protective tariff system and to commit it to the cause of class legislation; for placing in the highest official positions men who are not farmers and who seek only to keep the farmers depressed; for using the order for personal aggrandizement, and for changing the order into a partisan political body.

The resolutions denounce the sub-treasury and bond loan schemes, and the proposal for government ownership of lands, and especially C. W. Macune and his corrupt methods, together with the acts of his tools and henchmen, as being a disgrace to the order and a stench in the nostrils of all honest men who know of their corruption and villainy, and thus point out to the order by continuing such men as this in power they are enabled, by betraying us and our interests, to most effectually chain us to the juggernaut cars of monopoly.

The resolutions closed: "We further demand that these men who are not farmers be removed from the national and state offices of our order, and that none but those who have their interest in farming be allowed to fill such places. To the end that the legislatures of our government may know that when the alliance speaks it is the voice of the farmers and laborers of our land, instead of the wish of some paid tool of monopoly and corruption."

THE frugal grangers who are to delay threshing their wheat till their ploughing is done may find that the alliance plan of holding the crop for a rise will turn to the profit of those who sell soon rather than of those who wait. For the more general the adoption of the advice of the Farmers' alliance the less wheat there will be to ship, and consequently the higher the price. When the reserve grain comes into the market, as come it must, there may be a break. It is thus just possible that the wheat which is promptly marketed may command a higher price than that which is held over.

"THE Alliance in Mississippi, and all the states, more or less, in the South, are generally dropping the sub-treasury plan, and still other states will follow suit as opportunity is presented. The alliance is coming when none but the office seekers—the political farmers—will be pushing measures that can never be adopted and that serve only to divide the people and keep the representatives of Eastern money-lords in place and power. The Democratic party and the agricultural farmers will be standing on the same platform in 1892."

Democratic Allies.

The Farmers' alliance, or the people's party, may make some impression upon the next presidential campaign. In the south they are Democrats, in the north Republicans in the main. While the color line endures they are not likely to make any impression in the southern states. In the north they muster in sufficient strength to give various states to the Democratic party, Minnesota, for instance, or Kansas, or Nebraska, or South Dakota. Let the supposition be indulged that they can carry one or more of these states, there would be no loss to the Democratic party. If the election should be so close that the Farmers' alliance having carried certain states, there would be no positive majority for any candidate in the electoral colleges aggregated, the choice of a president would then devolve upon the house of representatives, voting by states. In such event the Republican candidate would be nowhere. Counting by individuals or by state delegations the house is overwhelmingly Democratic. The senate would choose the vice-president, and the senate is republican.

If the election of the Democratic candidate should be the outcome of the farmers' movement in politics substantially all they aim at would be achieved. The sub-treasury scheme aside, and upon this they themselves are by no means a unit, the Democratic party stands substantially for all they ask. They oppose monopolies and high-tariff taxation. Therein lies their great fight. Therein, too, the Democratic party is a more efficient agent than themselves, for it possesses the confidence of the great body of the people and is numerically stronger than it is possible for a class as farmers to be.

The Democracy have nothing to fear from the farmers' activity in politics. The galled jade is the Republican party. Though he may not confess it the farmer is a Democratic ally.

In no respect is the growing tendency of Americans to regard the state as something supernatural, something to be looked upon with awe and reverence, more observable than in the increased currency of the theory that faithful service in a public office deserves some greater recognition than would be accorded to like service rendered to a private employer. It is not alone the national state that is thus regarded, but the lesser political divisions, school districts as well as commonwealths. Thus there is a perpetually recurrent demand that teachers in the public schools should be pensioned after a certain length of service.

A teacher in a private school may have done equally good work in fitting the young for the duties of citizenship, yet a proposition to pension him would meet with ridicule where the other suggestion is hailed with favor, because he serves a private master and not the state. In the same way it is now seriously proposed to pension clerks in the federal offices. It is not held that their work is more taxing nor less fairly paid than labor of the same class in private employ, but they have served the state, and so it is held that they have claims upon the people which would not be recognized if set up by far more worthy citizens who have never held public office.

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KEYTESVILLE MERCANTILE COMPANY'S GRAND Mid-Summer Sale!

Will Begin Thursday, July 9th, 1891.

This will be the Grand Winding-up Sale of the Season. We believe it is hardly necessary for us to assure the public that there is no clap-trap or humbug about this sale. Our regular time for taking stock is the last of August. The time is limited, but WE MUST MOVE THIS STOCK before that time, and in order to do it there will have to be some terrible cutting in prices.

CLOTHING!

We have arranged for the Special Sale of about 150 Styles of Boys', Youths' and Men's Suits—one to three suits of a kind. All this season's production, which will be sold regardless of Cost to move them quickly. We must have the room. Don't delay coming as all the best things will be gobbled up at once.

KEYTESVILLE MERCANTILE COMPANY, T. J. MARTIN, Manager. Keytesville, Mo.

L. A. Jamison, of the firm of Blackburn & Jamison, druggist at Vandalia, Audrain county, was terribly burned on Wednesday evening of last week, by the explosion of an alcohol electric cigar lighter. The cause of the explosion is not known.

Witt Chinn, the 16-year-old son of a prosperous farmer, living near Vandalia, Audrain county, was killed by a run-away team on Thursday of last week. He was plowing on his father's premises when the horses became frightened, and ran away, throwing him in front of the plow, and was instantly killed.

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dence is represented to be very strong against her.

While some boys were playing at Newtown, Sullivan county, a few days ago, one of them placed a half opened knife on a chair with the blade sticking up. A few minutes later Wm. St. Clair came in and sat down on the chair. The knife blade penetrated his hip full length, inflicting a dangerous wound.

B. W. Noel, of Middle Grove, Monroe county, while making some repairs about a saw mill on Monday of last week, except under the circular saw while in motion, and received a couple of terrible wounds on the back, which almost penetrated the lungs. His recovery is doubtful.

James and Wm. Cumbeys and Hugh Hayden, whose respective ages are 14, 15 and 16 years, living near New Hartford, Pike county, concluded one day last week to rely upon the cold charities of the world rather than endure the restraints of a well regulated home. They captured an old mule and started out, but were taken in by the police at Mexico and sent to their parents.

Saturday Scritbolings.

BY A. W. JOHNSON.

The heat here last Monday was fearful. Our people sweltered all day and half the night. While on his way home from town last Saturday afternoon Geo. Vansickle became involved in a quarrel with a colored boy, and received a scalp wound. The blood flowed freely, but no serious damage was done. No arrest.

.....Buck Pitney, son of Jas. Pitney, struck a little boy on the head with a stone and was arrested for it, but when the time for trial came he failed to show up. Some one gave an electionary performance at the old hall Monday night, which is said to have been fine. Quite a number of our people attended the picnic at Prairie Hill Saturday. The only game shot around town up is said to be "craps." Our gun club is not "in it." They shoot clay birds and "kill 'em" too. The canning factory started up Monday morning with a full corps of hands. Tomatoes and apples will be the stock this season. John Clark has broken the ground for his new business house on the corner of 3rd and Broadway, and the work will be pushed rapidly till completed. The teachers' institute still flourishes with a good attendance. We have heard many eulogies passed on Prof. Coleman. The teachers all like him, and say he is "business." Prof. Pratt also comes in for a good share of praise. Mrs. Kate H. Allen has purchased a nice lot in Baker's addition and will build a residence thereon. The new school building is about completed and is a nice, commodious structure. The prize speaking contest for a medal offered by the teachers of Chariton county, will take place at the opera house Thursday evening, beginning at 7:30 sharp.

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BY SCHUBBER.

A Mr. Ragland, whose home is in Virginia, is visiting Capt. J. H. White this week. Miss Jessie Ingledue, of Kansas City, is visiting in this vicinity at present. Mrs. Elizabeth Wigham and daughter, Miss Pearl, went to Forrest Green Sunday to spend a week visiting friends and relatives. Bud Lee, of Forrest Green, spent Sunday in this vicinity. Jim Wigham says he is going to marry if he can find any girl that will have him. He says he is getting tired of bachelor life since his ma left for a few days' visit. Jim hast to cook.